Peak calling for Sutton Assay

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Peak calling might change based on simulations

Comparison of peaks (MACS)



At least 20% overlap of peaks

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Comparison of peaks (HOMER vs MACS)

>90% peaks overlap in pools 1 and 2. 67% of peaks overlap in pool 3.

14648/19643 peaks overlap between shared peaks.

Comparison of peaks (new vs old)

10696/20572 HOMER peaks overlap with old peaks. 8683/19643 MACS peaks overlap with old peaks.

Length distribution of peaks



MACS peaks

HOMER peaks

Mean size close to 900-1200 bp width. HOMER peaks are larger on average (1 peak of 30 kb width)

Overlap of shared peaks with histone marks

New versus old



Comparison of Signals

Effect of PCR duplicates on signal



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72K cells positive in each pool (28.6 enhancers each)













Improvements in pipeline



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Future Work

Most of the work is related to the simulation method. This can probably help decide threshold (5% FDR currently) for peak calling.

Postprocessing Analysis:

TF binding peaks on enhancers/promoters to better define enhancer elements. TF motifs on enhancers/promoters.

Does this assay work better with certain kinds of promoters/enhancers?

Predicting Enhances using Signal Processing

Epigenetic signatures associated with active enhancers



Development of massively parallel assays for enhancer activity have identified the epigenetic signatures associated with active enhancers.

The trough in the histone modification peaks are due to open chromatin.

Shyueva, Stampfel, and Stark, Nat. Rev. Genet., 2014

Matching pattern of histone signal could be used to predict enhancers



Match filter can be used to identify the occurrence of the chromatin pattern in the genome.



Accuracy of Matched Filter



The occurrence of the pattern is very accurate for predicting potential enhancers in the genome.

Genome positives comparison across marks/cell-lines

H3K27ac Matched Filter



1885 (1490) of STARR-seq peaks are positive in at least two (all three) filters

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Stability of marks across cell lines

Histone Mark (double peak)	AUC (ROC) S2 cell-line	AUC (ROC) BG3 cell line
H3K27ac	0.88	0.97
H3K4me1	0.85	0.87
H3K4me2	0.85	0.86
H3K4me3	0.71	0.76
H3K9ac	0.88	0.75

Currently, extending the matched filter approach to mammalian enhancement of the predictions.

Moving on to mammals

FIREWACh assay

- Enhancer candidates chosen based on open DNA in cell-line (murine ESC).
- Integrated into virus particles close to a minimal promoter and GFP.
- Integrated into genome randomly with 1 clone per cell (H1-hESC).
- One potential enhancer of length 100-300 bp per cell.
- FACS to sort cells expressing GFP.
- Small population of cells show positive enhancer activity.
- Amplified positive enhancer sequences with PCR using primers recognizing the flanking sequences.
- Tested enhancer activity using traditional assays.



Pro: Chromatin context. Con: 100-300 bp length.

Metaprofiles from FIREWACh



Heterogeneity in the metaprofiles close to regulatory regions - Anshul's paper.

The metaprofile can be used to identify enhancers from random regions in the genome.

Performance of H3K27ac metaprofile



Accuracy of Predictions

Histone Mark (double peak)	AUC (ROC) mESC cell-line
H3K27ac	0.91
H3K4me1	0.70!!
H3K4me3	0.87
H3K9ac	0.88
H3K36me3	0.67